

March 2, 2015

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 7:35 p.m. Present: Mayor Carl Patterson, Trustees, E. Peter Forrestel, Michael R. Middaugh, Kathryn A. Capan and Keith A. Hatswell; Clerk Treasurer Daniel P. Borchert, Chief of Police Richard Lauricella, Public Works Manager Jon Cummings and Code Enforcement Officer Michael Borth.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

Clerk-Treasurer Borchert reported that in January 2013, the Office of the State Comptroller introduced their Fiscal Stress Monitoring System that was developed to help identify local governments and school districts who might be susceptible to fiscal stress. The Office of the State Comptroller has introduced this system as a financial tool to help local governments in identifying trends to be watchful for when they are monitoring their own fiscal position. Any attempt to identify or predict fiscal stress must recognize that changes in unforeseen external events can quickly change ongoing financial trends. The Village of Akron was placed on the report that was released for December 2014 and was reported in the Buffalo News. The Village of Akron will be taking the data provided from the report and using it as a learning tool in preparing for our immediate and future fiscal years.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Forrestel seconded by Capan, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2015 be and hereby is approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KATHRYN A. CAPAN	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

PUBLIC HEARING – Dog Control Law – Local Law #2 for 2015 Public Hearing scheduled for March 16, 2015.

APPEARANCE – none

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident Doug Ceisner thanked the Clerk-Treasurer for updating the minutes on the website. He also wanted to add to his comments from the January 26, 2015 meeting regarding an article in the Clarence Bee, that besides the absence of a Police Department, the fact that the Fire Department is all Volunteers also helps to keep the Town of Clarence taxes down.

PROJECT REPORTS –

Joint Facility – Review Inter-Municipal Agreement with Town of Newstead – Village Attorney Shonn and Town Attorney Nathan Neill are finalizing the Agreement

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE ATTORNEY – absent

CLERK-TREASURER – Submitted his monthly report for February 2015 and the office schedule for March 2015. Reported: Processed 30 credit card transactions during February 2015 in the amount of \$2,904.89; met with CSI Janitorial and Steven Gates to discuss the opportunity to do the cleaning service for the Village Hall; met with Erie County Board of Elections to tour the Village Hall and talk about possible grant funding that will be available to apply towards making the entrances at the Village Hall handicap assessable; contacted Erie County Board of Elections to schedule the use of the DS 200 voting machine scanners for the March 18, 2015 Village Election; participated in the 2015 first quarter IEEP Teleconference for the Village of Akron on February 25, 2015; participated in a teleconference call with the NYS Public Service Commission regarding

the changes in the NYS Assessment calculations for NYS municipal utilities on February 26, 2015; processed the paper work with Erie County Civil Service for our new part time police officer Stephen Smith; attended the meeting of the Municipal Administrative Officials Association on February 10, 2015 in Hamburg; hosted a CPR Training for our village employees at the Village Hall on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

CHIEF OF POLICE – Chief Lauricella presented the schedule for March 2015 and a report for February 2015. Reported: due to the cold weather all activity was down for the month; Crown Victoria patrol car is having intermittent electrical outages which hopefully will be repaired soon; Akron School District requested Police coverage for all home Lacrosse games beginning the end of March 2015

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell and seconded by Middaugh to allow the Akron Police Department to cover all home Lacrosse games at Akron Central School be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	KATHRYN A. CAPAN	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

Chief Lauricella recommended sponsoring resident Scott Johnston while he attends the Erie Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy which does not cost the Village any money

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Forrestel to approve the Akron Police sponsorship of resident Scott Johnston while he attends the Erie Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy be and hereby is approved

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAGH	- AYE
	KATHRYN A. CAPAN	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER – Jon Cummings reported: due to the severe weather conditions the DPW has been very busy with frozen water services throughout the Village; distributed flyers advising the residents to run water a little to help prevent frozen pipes; thanked the residents for their patience during this winter; NYSDEC inspection of the Sewer Plant went very well, there are a few issues such as a RBC unit that needs attention and they would like to see the methane burners brought back on line; waiting for the process of the larger tree removals until the weather breaks; hosted and attended the CPR training for Village employees held at the Village Hall; more DPW Safety Training is needed and will be scheduled soon. Mayor Patterson wanted to thank Jon and all the DPW for the great job done during this very difficult winter.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – Mr. Borth reported: completed the NYS Annual Report; busy working with all the new businesses opening on Main Street; and continuing to inspect progress at the Cloisters/Meadows project.

AKRON FIRE COMPANY –no representative present. Mayor Patterson stated that Fire Chief Gary Baehr stepped down as Fire Chief due to family health issues and Peter West will take over as Fire Chief. Mayor Patterson asked if everyone would keep Gary and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Elected Officials –

TRUSTEES – COORDINATORS

Trustee Capan – nothing new

Trustee Middaugh – reported: as a follow-up to the meeting with the Board of Elections, an application is being submitted for the grant money to help make the entrances to the Village Hall handicap assessable. Also the Police, Fire, and Emergency Services Committee will meet with the School Resource Officer and Akron Central School for a meeting scheduled March 9, 2015.

Mayor Patterson – reported: will attend the Village Officials meeting scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015; distributed a NYCOM bulletin regarding a poll conducted by the Siena College Research Institute about Local Governments; lastly asked if everyone would keep Mr. Forrestel and the Forrestel Family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time

Trustee Forrestel – nothing

Trustee Hatswell – reported: representing the Police, Fire and Emergency Services Committee he recommended moving Chief Lauricella to the Village of Akron Chief of Police position under the Civil Service System. Clerk-Treasurer Borchert explained that the long term goal of the Village of Akron is to have the full time Police Officer also be the Chief of Police. In order for our full time Police Officer to sit for the Civil Service Chief Position exam he must have two years supervisory experience which could be as a Sergeant or Lieutenant. The Village has tried to establish a Sergeant position under civil service but has been denied due to the lack of a Civil Service Chief Position. By establishing the Chief position, the Village could apply again to Civil Service for a Sergeant Position which would give our full time Officer the supervisory position to gain the two year experience needed to sit for the Civil Service Chief exam.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Hatswell and seconded by Forrestel to officially change Chief Richard Lauricella’s title to Civil Service Chief Position by the appointment of Mayor Patterson be and hereby is approved.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KATHRYN A. CAPAN	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ron Berry Memorial Fields –nothing new

Clinton Street/Eckerson Avenue Village Land – nothing new

Public Works Facility at 43 East Avenue – nothing new

Cable Contract – Trustee Middaugh still working with Village Attorney Shonn on the contract

Dog Law Amendment – Public Hearing scheduled for March 16, 2015.

#### NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Hatswell to approve the application of Frederick Baldwin, Jr. into the Akron Fire Company on the recommendation of Akron Fire Chief Peter West be and hereby is approved

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	KATHRYN A. CAPAN	- AYE
	KEITH A. HATSWELL	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Capan and seconded by Middaugh to approve the following budget transfers:

A1230	Clerk Treasurer Fees	Raise Revenue	\$31.53
A2376.1	Recycling	Raise Revenue	\$7.13
A2401	Fees	Raise Revenue	\$591.71
A2555	Building Permits	Raise Revenues	\$34,238.90
A2565	Plumbing Permits	Raise Revenue	\$865.00
A2590	Misc Permits	Raise Revenue	\$2,417.00
A2655	Sale of Scrap	Raise Revenue	\$1,840.15
A1325.419	Office Supplies	Raise Appropriation	\$43.84
A5110.415	Advertising	Raise Appropriation	\$639.20
A5110.478	Stone & Asphalt	Raise Appropriation	\$2,876.84

#### Water Fund

F2144	Service Charges	Raise Revenue	\$85.00
F2770	Sale of Scrap	Raise Revenue	\$223.29
F8330.481	Repairs & Maint	Raise Appropriation	\$41.26

#### Sewer Fund

G2122	Service Charges	Raise Revenue	\$1,740.00
G2770	Sale of Scrap	Raise Revenue	\$1,144.35
G8130.12	Camden Agreemt	Raise Appropriation	\$15,172.68
G8130.13	Camden IPP/I&I	Raise Appropriation	\$2,500.00

#### Electric Fund

EE785.13	Workmen's Comp	Raise Appropriation	\$2,491.00
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ADOPTED    CARL E. PATTERSON    - AYE  
    E. PETER FORRESTEL    - AYE  
    MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH - AYE  
    KATHRYN A. CAPAN    - AYE  
    KEITH A. HATSWELL    - AYE

#### CORRESPONDENCE

2015 Reserve Gas Company after hour's emergency notification list

Wm. Schutt & Associates February 2015 Monthly Summary Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Trustee Forrestel asked if the promise of grant funding for the repair of the State Street Bridge has been withdrawn. According to Public Works Manager Cummings the funding would not be available. But a request for assistance has been sent on to Congressman Chris Collins, more to follow.

On motion of Capan and seconded by Middaugh at 8:16 p.m. this meeting was ADJOURNED

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MAYOR

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CLERK-TREASURER